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## REPUBLIC CREOSOTING COMPANY

TO: *CRA. Re. 11/4* MR. T. E. REILLY - INDIANAPOLIS OFFICE: St. Louis Park

FROM: H. J. Finch DATE: December 28, 1961

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WORK ORDER - INSTALLATION OF WORK TANK IN TREATING PLANT

Supplementing Mr. C. M. Flinn's letter to you of November 27, in which he outlined the expenditures necessary for installation of a new work tank in the treating plant, we would like to set forth reasons why we feel an installation of this type is necessary to our operations here at St. Louis Park.

At present we are operating with four (4) work tanks in the treating plant operation, the tanks normally being divided between No. 1 Creosote Oil and 50/50 Creosote-Petroleum solution. Three of the tanks can be used in treating by the Reuping Process but one of the tanks being a gravity feed tank, can only be used with the Lowry or the Full Cell Process. The majority of our treating requirements are processed by the Reuping method. Of the three tanks that can be used for the Reuping Process, one of these tanks began to settle about a year ago and we have been watching this tank very closely as we are concerned if the settling continues our connections may be broken. Being faced with this difficulty of broken lines, whereby, we would have to take the tank out of service, our production would be seriously hampered by the reduction in flexibility of operations. In order, therefore, to repair this tank without a curtailment of operations, a fifth work tank is extremely desirable.

As a result of Western Electric pole business, it is necessary for us to have a Creosote-Penta solution for the treatment of poles, thus, commanding one of our work tanks during the pole treating operation, which reduces the flexibility of treatment of other material and a fifth work tank is very desirable under these conditions.

In an effort to obtain the Soo Line business, it was necessary to make commitments with the Soo Line to provide for a Creco-Arban solution for the treatment of their bridge timbers. As you are aware, the Creco-Arban solution is quite expensive and the exacting control of this solution is much greater than with the use of Creosote or Creco-Petroleum solution. With conditions of our piping and our present tanks, we are quite hesitant to place this solution in one of them; therefore, it is imperative that we have a new tank and connections so as to control this preservative while under treatment. We were also informed that there is a strong possibility that we will be able to increase the treatment for the Soo Line over and above their lumber and tie treatment by the installation of a Creco-Arban working facility. Mr. Walt Jacobson of the Soo Line has informed me that the National Pole & Treating Company treated quite a quantity of fir piling for them only because of the fact that they had Creco-Arban available and a number of projects requiring piling were specified to be treated with Creco-Arban. It is our present plan to move from the refinery our No. 10 storage tank, clean and recondition this tank and use this as our fifth working tank in the treating plant.

As Mr. Flinn has pointed out, we estimate that this installation of a fifth work tank can be accomplished in the neighborhood of \$6,500.00 and we would appreciate a work order so that we might begin working on this project at once.

Yours very truly,

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